

Students fight for their right to party

Off campus club causes problems

By Elizabeth Hyer
Staff Writer

Students looking for a fun night out at Deja-Vu this past Saturday may have been in a shocking surprise after receiving a global e-mail from Dean of Students Larry Wielk.

He advised students to refrain from attending the Westport club or they would be subject to disciplinary action. This decision arose from the promotion of the club by two Sacred Heart students. "It has come to my attention by numerous students that my e-mail has caused some confusion," said Wielk. "My main concern were the busses that were transporting students to and from Deja-Vu, and who

would be liable if anything were to happen."

"I think the busses were a great idea," said Dana Westing, a junior from Nashua, N.H. "Without them, the threat of drunk driving would probably be greater."

Jeff Schietzelt, a junior from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Kevin O'Malley, a senior from Brooklyn, N.Y., were contacted by Larry Wielk and have been brought up on disciplinary charges for working with the club to help promote people to attend the Westport night spot.

"On a campus in which many students complain there is nothing to do, the club provided an atmosphere in which students of all ages could come and have fun," said O'Malley.

Since the club is open to

people ages 18 and older, many people felt that Dean Wielk was not justified in his attempt to dissuade people from going.

"After receiving the e-mail, I was angered and felt that this was just another way for the school to control where we go and what we do," said a first-year student who wishes to remain anonymous. "I guess I am just shocked and outraged. When I heard that Larry Wielk was concerned about the free transportation, I just had to laugh."

Schietzelt said, "I am disappointed the Dean did not embrace the fact the club was trying to provide sober transportation to the students. Transportation for students who may have been drinking is one of the best things the club could have done."

Text of Wielk's e-mail

In recent days, a number of flyers and advertisements have been distributed around campus concerning an off-campus event at "Deja-Vu", a Westport club. Please be advised that this activity has not been sanctioned by Sacred Heart University.

The individuals who are "sponsoring" this activity have been notified that it is against University policy and that should it take place they, and anyone who participates will be subject to disciplinary action. Sacred Heart University does not and will not condone this type of unauthorized behavior which includes the transportation of our students to and from off-campus establishments.

In addition, my office and the Office of Public Safety have enlisted the assistance of the Bridgeport and Westport Police departments to deter this type of activity from happening now and in the future.

I thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Larry Wielk
Dean of Students

Changing of the guard in student government



Brian Rivera



Carla Gray

Photos by Kerrie Darress

By Gina Norelli
Editor-In-Chief

Student Government President Brian Rivera will graduate this month, and Carla Gray, the current Executive Vice President for the Senate, will be sworn into the position on Sunday.

"I have made my contribution to this University and its community. I do not regret anything," said Rivera. "It was a great last year and I feel I was made to do it (be President)," he added.

Rivera has been involved with student government since the end of sophomore year when

he was elected Executive VP for the 1996-1997 academic year. Prior to that, he was Vice President at King's Park High School in King's Park, N.Y., his hometown.

Some of the things Rivera has accomplished this semester have included helping to organize the installation of blue light phones on campus and trying to solve the problem of retention. He also relayed laptop concerns to the Administration and proposed that the Pub be moved into the old weight room for next year. He actively promoted community service and building tradition at Sacred Heart. "There is

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Crime on the rise at Taft

Student eye to eye with intruder

Brian Corasaniti
Assistant News Editor

Another break-in occurred at Taft Commons, in apartment 110 last Wednesday. This follows a burglary that happened at Parkridge Townhouse Seven over Thanksgiving break.

Senior Nick Invernizzi of Manhattan was upstairs in the apartment when the burglary occurred.

"When I came down, I saw someone carrying our TV. He threw it down and took off," he said.

"After I tried to catch him, we decided to call Public Safety,

and they said they didn't have enough people to come down," Invernizzi added.

Invernizzi and others are concerned with safety at Taft and with the availability of Public Safety.

"Every time we call Public Safety, they do not come down quickly. We have to deal with this sh*t every day. We cannot rely on the police department every time," said Invernizzi.

"We indicated to them that they had to call the Bridgeport Police, which is standard procedure," said William O'Connell, director of Public Safety.

O'Connell added that at this

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Photo by Chris Reinhart

Taft Commons apartment 110 was recently burglarized. No suspect was found.

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Applications for El Salvador trip available now

Applications for the trip to El Salvador during Spring Break are now available. Students who are interested can pick up the forms in the Service Learning, Campus Ministry or Residential Life offices.

For more information, call Henry Rondon at Campus Ministry at extension 7840.

Santa leaving the North Pole early to visit SHU

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making an early appearance at Sacred Heart this Saturday. The event will take place in the gymnasium from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Admission is \$6 per child, but any adults accompanying the kids may get in for free.

Reservations must be made by Dec. 11. For more information, call Carol Way at 371-7970.

Visiting ministers to make appearance Dec. 15

Skip and Cindy Clarquist of Rock Island, Ill. will be presenting a special evening of praise and worship at St. Lawrence's Church on Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Charismatic Renewal offices at 372-4301 at extension 358 or 359.

-Compiled by Brian Corasaniti

East Hall decision awaits

By Wayne Kosminoff
Co-Features Editor

Sacred Heart's two-year battle to build East Hall, a 10-story residential and academic facility, moved to the courtroom Monday.

Judge Richard E. Arnold has 120 days to reach a decision before SHU can take other measures to start construction on the long-awaited complex. If in favor of Sacred Heart, the University can proceed with the hearings.

Neighbors Jack and Bess Halpert sued the city of Bridgeport in April, 1996, when they filed an appeal attempting to block the construction of the 113,000 square-foot facility. The appeal's cast was a four-to-one vote which halted the construction of the complex.

Originally, the University received approval for a foundation permit on Jan. 3, 1996. However, an additional permit for the building was filed on Dec. 4, 1995.

That permit was not approved until March 22, 1996.

Because SHU filed for their permits separately, it gave the Harpert's a second chance to appeal. Currently, the decision which needs to be made is, whether or not an appeal was filed in time.

Barbara Brazzel-Massaró, a city attorney, stated that Sacred Heart did not properly file the zoning sign-off permit. "Sacred Heart submitted the foundation permit in December. Mr. and Mrs. Halpert had 30 days to appeal from when the first permit was approved."

Brazzel-Massaró added that Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harpert did not appeal in time for the first permit. However, since Sacred Heart decided to submit their two permits in different entities, the couple did appeal the second permit in time.

"Basically, it's a case of whether the permit was timely appealed. The judge must decide within the next 120 days if the appeal was feasible from the first or the second permit," said Brazzel-Massaró.

SHU attorney Charles Willinger argued that Sacred Heart did indeed submit its zoning permits well in advance.

Also during Monday's amendment, Plaintiff attorney George J. Markley of Fairfield stated that his argument is, "The subsidiary use must be on the same property use." Markley added, if the building is not located in Fairfield, the principle use must be where the college is.

If completed, the two floors of classrooms and eight floors of residential rooms holding 384 Sacred Heart students would be located on 4940 Park Avenue, directly behind Mr. and Mrs. Jack Halpert's property. The area which SHU is looking to place its 10-story complex is located in a area where mostly single-family residents reside.

"I think the judge did a wonderful job," said Markley. "It's clear to me, no matter what he decides, he did a wonderful job. If we lose the decision it's really up to my clients if they wish to appeal it."

Job possibilities arrive on Career Day



Photo by Kerrie Darress

Mitch Holmes talks with students at Career Day. Over thirty companies interviewed interested students on the second floor of the Ryan-Matura Library last Friday.

President: Gray to succeed Rivera in office

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going to be one specific class ring starting next semester," said Rivera.

Though he said it isn't possible to get along with everyone when President, he said that he liked working with the people he worked with.

"In May and September, I told them that their goals were secondary. I wanted to watch them grow," said Rivera.

Rivera said that he believes in Gray 110%. "I know she'll do a great job (as President). She and Ted Miller, who will take her position as Executive Vice President for the Senate are going to be a great team."

Rivera plans on obtaining a

position selling pharmaceutical drugs for a pharmaceutical company upon graduation. "I thought it was the most prestigious sales job. I feel that I want to start off at the top company," he said.

Then Rivera plans to apply to graduate schools on the East Coast for a Master's degree in Systems Health Management, a branch of administration. His long-term goal is to own a convalescent home.

Gray is focused on her goals for next semester, which include bringing the Executive Board together as a team and informing students of what's going on in Student Government. "Many students still aren't aware of what Student Government does," said

Gray.

Gray believes this can be solved by inviting students to meetings, especially the students who complain. Gray said that she will continue running the Student Government insert, written by Student Government members, in the *Spectrum*. "It has been great, but the Student Voice articles need to be more specific."

Over the break, Gray will familiarize herself with what the different clubs and organizations do on campus. "I only have a general idea and don't know the specifics. I want to be able to help them," she said.

She continued, "It's a new role with different challenges. I'm very excited about it."

Taft: Students concerned with safety problems

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time, Public Safety has no idea who the burglar was.

Chris Szpila, residence hall director at Taft, said that on top of the break-ins, about 15 cars have been burglarized at Taft.

"They broke into my car and stole my turn signal. I could not drive at night or in the rain, because I could not turn on my

wipers. Where is our protective public safety when we need them?" said Katy Davis, a sophomore and Taft resident from Southboro, Mass.

Some at Taft have tried to do something about the crime, but they say it has gone nowhere.

"My Hall Council began discussing the situation in the beginning of the year to no success," said Szpila.

Another concern was about the NESS Officers, but Szpila says that the situation is being rectified.

"They've taken away one of the security officers we had a problem with," she said.

Szpila added the main problem with them was, "the security officers not signing in guests consistently, but they are working to solve the problem."

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Not your ordinary bus

By Bruce Carlson
Co-News Editor

Employees of the Bridgeport Department of Health spoke to a nursing class Tuesday morning about preventing the spread of the AIDS virus through means of distributing needles, condoms and educational pamphlets.

This semester, two SHU nursing students spent their time on the Needle Exchange Program (NEP) bus for a clinical rotation in a senior level nursing course. Diana Perugini, a senior from Watertown, and classmate Katja Sjoblom from Milford spent five hours a week for fifteen weeks assisting the employees on the bus.

"It's been a real privilege for us to have Diana and Katja on the bus," said Mark Kinzly, coordinator of NEP.

The bus, originally the "Bookmobile," makes several

stops in poor sections of Bridgeport where they distribute items such as needles, condoms, crack kits, bleach, vitamins, clothes, cookies, pizza, coffee, juice and bread. HIV testing and counseling is also available for free.

Kinzly, Ryan Melvin, Lucas Alicea and Maria Melendez, all Outreach Educators, shared their personal and career related experiences with the senior nursing class.

"We teach people the correct way to keep safe and clean. If you give people the right materials and information to keep safe, they will use it," explained Kinzly. "NEP was set up to help the spread of the virus...period."

The bus addresses the drug using population that is usually overlooked. Kinzly explained the program offers them help and that "we try to share love."

Dr. Linda Strong, a nursing professor at SHU, said, "This is a new population in a street level

manner, rather than a treatment facility. The students felt a new level of reality and a very enriching and growth experience."

Sjoblom had an "excellent" experience on the bus. "It has been a real eye-opener for nursing," she added.

Outreach Educator Ryan Melvin reminded the class that "these people are just like you, but they're doing something different."

Kinzly explained the importance of gaining the community's trust with this program. When new people arrive on the bus, the clients are aware of it, and react differently.

"At first they just kind of stare at you, then they get to know you. They're really receptive to who we are and interested in where we come from," said Perugini.

"It may be a funny looking vehicle, but it's home to a lot of people. Something magical happens on that bus," added Kinzly.



Photo by Bruce Carlson

The Needle Exchange Program in Bridgeport offers needles, condoms and helpful information about different diseases such as AIDS.

SHU reaps benefits of Pitt Center

By Brad Wilson
Associate Editor

Since its official opening on Sept. 14, The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center has become a nucleus of campus life.

Sacred Heart University officials affirm that the facility is operating smoothly and are confident that many will continue to reap the benefits of it.

"The students seem very happy and that was the purpose of the building," said Dr. Paul Madonna, vice president of finance and administration.

"The Center is a central part of campus life and activity and will continue to be," said Dr. Thomas Forget, executive assistant to the president.

The facility, which offers a fitness center, aerobics room, four basketball courts and a three-lane track, is accessible to 2,232 full-time undergraduate students, who are billed \$150 within their tuition.

Over 200 others purchased a membership ranging from \$150 to \$360, including 70 faculty

members, 25 alumni, 42 part-time and graduate students, and 51 people from neighboring communities.

Additional services will be provided to members soon, including three heavy boxing bags to go along with the two speed bags installed last week. Also, the televisions in the fitness center will be able to transmit an audio signal to FM radio so members can listen on a walkman.

Jim Heffernan, a senior from West Haven, utilizes the Pitt Center and believes it has been a success thus far.

"The Center has had a few kinks to work out, but they have been tending to them and overall the facility has served the community well," he said.

Forget recognizes that there are some areas of the Center that need to be rectified.

"When you start something new, there will be some glitches," he said. "The heat and lighting systems seem to be working well, but the sound system is something we need to work on."

Gary Reho, director of the Pitt Center, stated that efforts are

being made to remedy the problem.

"Sound engineers have been in to check the system," he said. "We've been informed that the acoustics for the building need to be adjusted and that the problem is being corrected."

Reho also stated that he hopes the whirlpools in the locker rooms become available for usage soon, but says that issue is not under his direction. After a semester, the whirlpools have yet to be filled with water.

"Buildings and Grounds is in control of tending to the whirlpools," said Reho. "They need to meet state codes regarding chemical monitoring."

A concern that has been rumored around campus is that the University is having trouble with the Center's operating expenses. However, SHU officials assert that expenses are being adequately covered.

"We had a consultant design and project utility costs," said Michael Giaquinto, director of Faculty Management/Construction. "For the first two months we are right on tracked expenses."

Public Safety Releases

Public Safety incidents from Dec. 1 - Dec. 8

Dec. 1: 2:13 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

2:49 p.m.- Ill student was transported to Health Services.

10:41 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm caused by activated smoke detector.

11:29 p.m.- Two Parkridge residents reported what was believed to be pry marks at their rear doors.

Dec. 2: 10:51 a.m.- South Hall resident reported his laptop computer had been damaged six weeks ago.

6:49 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm caused by activated smoke detector.

7:45 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported being threatened by her roommates; Residential Life staff were notified.

8:53 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

10:14 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; cause was due to cooking.

Dec. 3: 12:13 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

2:11 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

2:14 a.m.- South Hall resident passed out; 911 was called. Fairfield Fire and Police Departments and AMR Ambulance responded; the student regained consciousness and declined medical treatment or transportation.

3:52 a.m.- Two South Hall residents were reported sick. Fairfield Fire and Police Departments and AMR Ambulance responded; both students were transported via ambulance to the hospital. Both students were back on campus at 6:23 a.m.

3:03 p.m.- Two students were stuck in the West Hall elevator; they were released within a few minutes and the elevator was taken out of service.

3:36 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported the theft of his computer.

11:45 p.m.- An RA requested ice for an injured student, which Public Safety provided; no further treatment or transportation was provided.

Dec. 4: 12:13 a.m.- Residents of Parkridge called to report what they thought was someone breaking into a vehicle on Geduldig St. Officers responded and found students were moving items from their vehicle to another vehicle.

3:10 a.m.- Public Safety Officer on patrol found the oven in the fifth floor kitchen of West Hall was left on; it was turned off.

1:38 p.m.- WSHU staff member reported receiving a harassing phone call.

7:40 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm received; Fairfield Fire Dept. responded. Alarm was caused by a discharged fire extinguisher, which activated a smoke detector.

9:52 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported feeling ill; an ambulance was declined. A friend of the student transported her to the hospital.

Dec. 5: 7:33 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm received; no problem.

8:19 a.m.- Staff member reported the theft of property from an old weight room in the Academic Bldg.

10:21 a.m.- Staff member in the Academic Bldg. reported having difficulty breathing and chest pains; Fairfield Police and Fire Depts. responded as well as AMR Ambulance. The staff member was transported via ambulance to the hospital.

12:58 p.m.- Parkridge resident reported the theft of his vehicle's license plate while the vehicle was parked in the lot.

5:06 p.m.- A delivery truck caused damage to the lawn at the rear of the theatre.

5:30 p.m.- Science Wing fire alarm received; alarm caused by a child who pulled a fire alarm pull box.

9:25 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm received; caused by cigar smoking.

Dec. 6: 1:31 a.m.- Received a call of an inebriated student creating a disturbance in South Hall. Fairfield Police responded, who requested AMR Ambulance transport the student to the hospital for detoxification.

2:21 a.m.- Illegal drugs were found and confiscated in a South Hall room.

3:06 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; caused by a resident burning a candle, which was confiscated (violation of housing policy).

5:30 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm; no problem found.

Dec. 7: 2:33 a.m.- South Hall resident reported being assaulted by another South Hall resident.

3:25 a.m.- West Hall resident reported receiving a threatening phone call.

3:32 p.m.- West Hall resident reported being assaulted by another West Hall resident.

7:37 p.m.- J. Hill resident reported receiving a threatening message on the answering machine.

Dec. 8: 1:27 a.m.- West Hall resident reported garbage was left outside of her room door.

3:15 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

Write for News

EDITORIALS

Are you receiving your mail?

Though the mailroom staff is working hard to circulate mail to students, here's a suggestion that will make it even better. How about creating a centralized location for student mailboxes, and issuing a mailbox to each student when he or she arrives on campus and allowing them to keep it until graduation? Many colleges (such as Fairfield University) do this, and it seems to be successful.

The issuing of a four-year address will eliminate the aggravation of not receiving mail that was sent to your old address, and having to return pieces upon pieces of mail to the mailroom that were sent to whomever had your mailbox last year. Some students just throw out mail that isn't theirs, and don't bother returning it to the mailroom. They may even open it and read it.

Another suggestion we'd like to propose to the mailroom is to forward mail to students' homes during long vacations such as Christmas break and the summer as well as at least a year following graduation. We are certain that this would be much appreciated.

Mail is important. United States post offices respect the handling of mail with utmost dignity. They are dependable time and time again. We believe that the SHU mailroom should rise to the level of a post office in that it takes seriously the handling of our mail and takes the necessary steps to ensure that we receive it.

Fall semester is coming to a close

Well, the end of the fall semester is finally approaching at Sacred Heart University.

We at the Spectrum would like to thank all of our readers and wish everyone good luck on their finals. We would also like to thank our advertisers, who have been more in number than ever before.

During the break take a breather, relax, go skiing, snowboarding or for a nice long walk.

We believe that relaxation is very important so during the break tell Santa that you want a nice big fluffy pillow and get some Zs. Snuggle up under a blanket by the fire and watch the snowflakes fall outside.

As for finals, we hope you pass. Just kidding, we know you will and with flying colors.

Good luck. The next issue is Jan. 22, 1998.



All Americans should share in the season

It is time again to reflect on those gifts that God has given to us. This is my favorite season of the year, and this year has been quite good to me. Even as a nation, it has been a peaceful year of growth in terms of both our political and economic strength. Domestically as well as internationally, it is a new era of good feelings.



By LOUIS BEVILACQUA

All is quiet on the Western front, but we must not forget issues that strike at the heart of our beliefs as a nation and ones we will continue to face in 1998. We must not become complacent by our prosperity. We can prevent ourselves from making mistakes, through reflection by restraining our greed. Let's not forget that a society is judged on how well its less fortunate live. The United States has many poor in its land of plenty. Those less fortunate than us will struggle just to survive the winter. We have indeed become a tale of two cities, but we can still strive to remain that city on the hill.

Our prominence as a nation is threatened by two plagues -- poverty and race. Both have been

problems that our land has struggled to dodge since its founding. These ghosts of Christmas' past and present will certainly meet us in the future. They are often interconnected and shall not go away because we simply ignore them.

The issue of race continues to breed suspicions and theories surrounding conspiracies which have no basis in the truth. Different political organizations are dividing our electorate into various paranoid groups that are afraid of their own government. We have given legitimacy to the rumors that the CIA sold cocaine in Los Angeles. We sensationalize racism as if it were a plot in a docudrama. Lastly, we look at racism as if it were human nature, when it truly is the lack of humanity. It wasn't until the O.J. Simpson verdict that we became aware of the great divide in this country over race.

My main concern is the changing attitudes towards affirmative action and opportunities for minorities. We have divided the nation over this issue. We have begun to pit American against American rather than looking at what we have in common.

We must as a nation focus on our similarities, not our differences. It is in our uniqueness that we are individuals, but it is in our similarities that we are judged as a nation. Yet, here is the paradox. Clearly, for idealism to survive, occasionally we must become realists. For many in our country,

equality is only the rhetoric that politicians like to campaign on and not the reality that is granted to those who are white. If we remove affirmative action without putting something else in its place, we will further alienate those who have been alienated in our nation for 400 years.

We can do better. We can reform our current systems in place to provide opportunities for all. We need to fix a system that allows black students less qualified than white students to get into Berkeley only to flunk out, by helping them become successful. Many in the inner city believe that our system has created institutionalized racism. Instead, because of greed, we have institutionalized poverty. We have to stop neglecting our inner city students since they are the true future of this country.

We must change our way of thinking. To do less is to conflict with the essence of our founding.

Please write to me at 0094391@shu.sacredheart.edu with your comments or questions.

ARE YOU STUDYING ABROAD NEXT SEMESTER AND WOULD LIKE TO WRITE A COLUMN?

Call the Spectrum before December 18. 371-7966

Christmas is coming soon, cherish what is in your hearts

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat..." I used to sing that with my sisters when I was a kid. Yes, the goose is getting fat, and so am I, since I've rarely had time to exercise this semester. But as my philosophical dad says, "So what. You'll exercise after you graduate."



By GINA NORELLI

Food. Food. Food. I know that it will be in abundance in my house this holiday season. In an Italian family, how can you avoid it? Doesn't the word Italian mean food?

My grandparents come to Connecticut from Brooklyn each Christmas, bringing all kinds of food...everything ranging from delicious honey-coated and anise cookies to marinated octopus.

We all look forward to eating the octopus more than anything. Yuck you say? Try it sometime, it's delicious! We actually fight over it in my family, since it's just an appetizer.

But get this: it's only one of the seven kinds of fish that we prepare for Christmas Eve. The others are shark, eel, sea cucumber, anemone...just kidding about that part. We really do eat seven though, and anyone who doesn't like seafood is out of luck for the night.

But the most special part of Christmas has nothing to do with the feast or the gifts. It's the time when we really feel what the season is all about.

I make it a point to turn on the TV and watch the live broadcast of the Pope's mass at the Vatican in Rome.

Even though I have gone to mass earlier that night right in my hometown of Bethlehem, Conn. a.k.a "The Christmas Town I still

make sure to watch the Pope's mass because it's so special.

I've watched it for a few Christmas' in a row now, and every time I get goose bumps. I think about how holy the Pope is and how love is flowing in abundance amongst the tens of thousands of people there and the millions watching.

PERSPECTIVE

Christmas is a time to open our hearts to the love of Christ and think about all that we are thankful for. I know that I have a lot to rejoice in from this year. I thank Him for a successful semester and a wonderful staff. It has been a challenge, but everyone has done an excellent job.

I am especially thankful that my sister and her family who moved to Kentucky in August will be visiting for Christmas. I haven't seen them since they moved and

it's been hard not to be able to hug my nieces, Gabriella, 3, and Madison, 1. But they've been in my hearts the whole time and just hearing about cute things they do and say brings a smile to my face.

For example, my niece Gabriella asked my sister if our 12-year-old Lhasa Apso, Loretta, was her aunt. Now I know that the dog has a human's name, and I am sure that the dog probably thinks of herself as a person, but it was so funny to hear that my niece thought that the dog was a person.

For two years I have been known as "Auntie Gina" to her, but she now refers to me as "Matt's girlfriend." I guess he made a good impression on her!

May you cherish that which is in your hearts and have a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends.

After all of the hard work and burning the midnight oil during finals, you will soon be able to recuperate. Merry Christmas!

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Letters to the editor

SHU ALUMNUS QUESTIONS HOW DEAN WIELK IS HANDLING AN OFF-CAMPUS CLUB

To the Editor:

When I was a freshman in 1992, there was little or no on-campus activity.

Students would spend all week trying to figure out how they were going to get to the Star, the Page or numerous other off-campus establishments.

When all was said and done, there was plenty of stories of people walking to and from Bridgeport area bars just so that they could have a good time.

By the time I was a senior, things had changed a little bit. Student Activities was offering a shuttle to and from bars and they were even trying to offer on-campus alternatives.

However, if you were underage and took the shuttle, you became subject to disciplinary action.

But, the on-campus activities were not all that interesting.

Since I was a Resident Assistant, I can recall many nights watching people stuff 10 people in a cab, or 15 freshmen in the back of a pickup truck and other numerous ways to get to and from area clubs in order to have a good time, which after all, is part of the college experience.

Now there is finally an establishment that recognizes the need for SHU students to have a place where they can go to safely and unwind, where they can go to dance and have a good time, and a place they can get to safely (via shuttle) without the fear of drunk driving or the unsafe situations that arise with having many people in a car.

And what does SHU do, more precisely, Dean Wielk?

They try to shut it down and

bring disciplinary actions against all students involved. How sad.

This club, commonly referred to as Deja Vu, understands the need for students to have a good time and offers an environment where underage students can go to dance and legal students can unwind.

Now don't get me wrong, I am sure that underage drinking goes on there, as it does in other local places such as South and West Halls.

The difference here is that the club mixes the best of both worlds. It is one where students can leave campus and have a good time and be assured of a safe experience.

However, Dean Wielk seems to have a different opinion. He believes that his time is best spent by trying to stop people from handing out flyers, threatens stu-

dents with bogus e-mails and tries to stop the printing of ads in the *Spectrum*, which is the last voice of the students on campus.

Now instead of trying to punish students from doing something they are going to do anyway, Dean Wielk, why don't you try to find a way to control things that are occurring on your own campus.

Why try to stomp on certain rights such as freedom of expression and the freedom of the press?

If you make the campus better and safer, then maybe there won't be a need for students to leave.

But until then, worry about your own backyard before you try to clean up your neighbors.

Jonathan McCarthy
Class of '96

STUDENTS BOGGLED BY THE PLACEMENT OF BARRIERS BY SOUTH AND WEST HALLS

To the Editor:

Welcome to SHU, where common sense isn't rationed out in large enough portions. It seems that when a problem arises, we here at Sacred Heart try to find the most illogical solution possible and institute it right away. The latest mind-bender that got us particularly confused is the new barriers outside South and West Hall. We read the *Spectrum's* December 4 article titled "Watch out for the barriers" and it had us completely boggled. Director of Human Resources Edmund Garrick seems to think that this new edition will improve the "aesthetics of our

grounds" and "will enhance the quality of life" which we fail to see how. He also has the idea that the campus community at large thinks that "this is a good idea." Mr. Garrick, we don't know how many people in South and West Hall you polled to get approval of your idea, but you missed our doors and many others.

Since the barriers have gone up we have heard many students complain about these ridiculous structures. We fail to see what was so unsafe about the walkway before. Hopefully most of us learned how to look both ways before crossing when we were in kindergarten. And if drivers can't

interpret the meaning of a stop sign by the time they're in college, then we feel sorry for them. How about getting Public Safety to give tickets to people who run the stop sign in front of the residence halls?

There should also be higher priced tickets for people who decide to park in the fire lane for hours on end. That's what they do in the real world.

We realize that Public Safety had nothing to do with this decision and we are not blaming them. However, we do feel sorry for them.

Won't it be great in February, when the fire alarm goes off,

and they have a great old time trying to pry the barriers out after they've been frozen into the ground.

How much will it cost to replace them after a fire truck has plowed through them because Public Safety couldn't get them out in time?

We do think however, that one good thing will come out of this great idea. Watching the Snapple and Coca-Cola trucks trying to do three point turns in the driveway is sure to become a great new pastime.

Kathrine Hippeli, junior
Julie Smith, sophomore

MERRY CHRISTMAS SHU!



Sincerely, the Spectrum staff Photo by Mike Simms

THOUGH FLATTERED, HE IS MISCREDED

To the Editor:

As Station Manager for WHRT, I have had the privilege this semester to help create CAB (the Communication Advisory Board). Since our proposal was first reported in the *Spectrum*, I've heard nothing but encouraging words from the SHU community.

Students have stopped in the halls to congratulate me on my accomplishment. A letter from a former student even appeared on this page three weeks ago crediting me with creating CAB. While I am flattered with all the compliments, I cannot take credit for

CAB. CAB was originally the idea of our advisor, Al Precourt. He brought the three major media organizations together to build upon his idea and turn it into a functioning committee. I was part of the creative process, along with Joel Felicio, Nicole Schmidt, Myra Pierce, Brad Wilson, Gina Norelli and Meg Hoffman, our current Vice President. We are all equally responsible for CAB. Please give credit where credit is due. They'd appreciate the praise just as much as I do.

Matt Fortney
senior

This semester has truly been a bug, and a bug, and a bug

I was having problems with my computer last week (no surprise), so I took it to the help desk. As it turns out, in addition to my floppy drive being defective, I have computer bugs — but not the type you may think.

West Hall has had cockroaches since the beginning of the year. The unsavory critter who ran out of my floppy drive was only the most recent of the

"sightings." I've had roaches crawl over my shoulder and across my desk, and my roommate found one inside her alarm clock. The girls next door to us found them as well.

We've complained repeatedly about our unexpected roommates to no avail.

Our RA has spoken to maintenance, who told him they would fumigate over Thanksgiving break. When we returned though, the bugs were still there. Now of course, they're multiplying, and it's getting even worse.

The roaches are not the only bugs we have. We have ladybugs and several flies as well. If Sacred Heart's residence halls are

so well-maintained, then why are we living in an insect preserve?

People keep telling me I should move, but there are really no other options for me.

I depend on the residence

*"I've had roaches
crawl over my
shoulder."*

halls while I'm at school, and I'd much rather live there without sharing my space with disgusting vermin.

We've tried sealing our food, killing them, and have even considered buying a bug bomb to get rid of them ourselves — but why should we pay to exterminate them?

Our RA has again contacted maintenance, along with Residential Life.

Finally, Tuesday afternoon, someone came to leave bait which will hopefully kill the pests.

We're still wondering though, why it took so long to get results from our complaints when we felt it was an urgent problem.

If the baits don't work, I guess it'll be West Hall vs. the Bugs until our complaints are heard again.

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FEATURES

Herman's book praises Jewish heroes

By Ed Ayres
Contributing Writer

If someone asked Dr. Barry E. Herman, associate professor of education at SHU, "What's a nice Jewish boy doing teaching at a Catholic University?" He would respond, "This is America!"

It's the type of response one would expect from the author of a book celebrating cultural contributions made to American life by the Jewish community called, "Jews In New Haven, Volume VII."

The book is published by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven. Herman was one of the past presidents of the Society and a contributor to many of the past volumes in the series.

Dr. Herman is the latest of the SHU faculty members to publish this year. A prolific writer, he has authored six books, and published 185 articles in leading journals and magazines. Herman routinely organizes educational trips to foreign lands for his graduate students and spends a good deal of time delivering slide show presentations on his trips to various community groups.

This volume focuses on contributions made to the American way of life by Jewish war veterans. One hundred fought with

American patriots and many who escaped the Spanish purge of the Jews became gun runners for American independence. Six Jewish war veterans have received Congressional Medals of Honor and many fought on both sides of the Civil War with distinction. In this recent volume, several pages listing New Haven area war dead are a somber reminder of sacrifices made by brave men.

The book contains many lighthearted moments as well. It is delightful to read about "Pinky Rosenthal, the Pharmacist," "Miss Root's Bake Shop," or running errands for Nellie Kennedy, the neighbor across the hall. It's a story that makes people long for a simpler time when urban life was safer and not so isolated, a time when folks knew everyone in their building.

The section called "The Midwife's Ledger" features handwritten birth records of local Midwife, Selma B. Rosenthal. The ledger, described by Herman as "like winning the lottery of buried treasure in your own backyard," features 664 names of births between 1889 and 1910. Most of the names are Jewish, but there are Italians, Irish, Germans and several other nationalities also.

So what are the most popular names? Surprisingly, the most common is Marie. Twenty girls

named Marie were born of Jewish parents. Eighteen Rosies and eleven Sarahs were the next most popular names. Boys' names were tied between Louis and Harris. "Unfortunately, there were no 'Barrys'" joked Herman.

This section also dispelled the myth of early teen mothers. There were no recorded births under seventeen. In fact, there were 17 births to mothers over 40! The oldest being 46 year old Blume Jacobojsky, the mother of twelve children. And to think all this occurred before in-vitro fertilization and sperm banks.

Dr. Herman's enthusiasm, confidence and easy manner when sharing information speak of a man doing what he feels he was born to do.

"I always knew I wanted to teach, from the time I was fifteen years old, and I would explain things I knew about stones and leaves to younger boys."

He was the first in his family to attend college.

After retiring in 1986 from a 30-year career with the New Haven school system that included, teacher, principal, K-8 District director, Early Childhood director, and Central Office administrator, he was invited to teach at SHU in the education department. Teaching both undergraduate and graduate students, Herman is hopeful about the current crop entering the profession. He feels



Contributed Photo

that they are just as enthusiastic and committed as those past.

Herman encourages his students to find jobs teaching in urban areas. "Urban areas are where the action is," Herman says. He hates the notion that urban kids are disadvantaged. In fact, he's coined the term, "Urban Advantaged," reflecting what he feels are the advantages

of experiencing multi-cultural society, and the benefits of exposure to the many cultural activities kids get in urban areas. "There's a tremendous demand, especially for minority teachers in these areas."

Editor's Note For more information on purchasing this book, please call (203) 392-6125.

Is love more important than time alone?

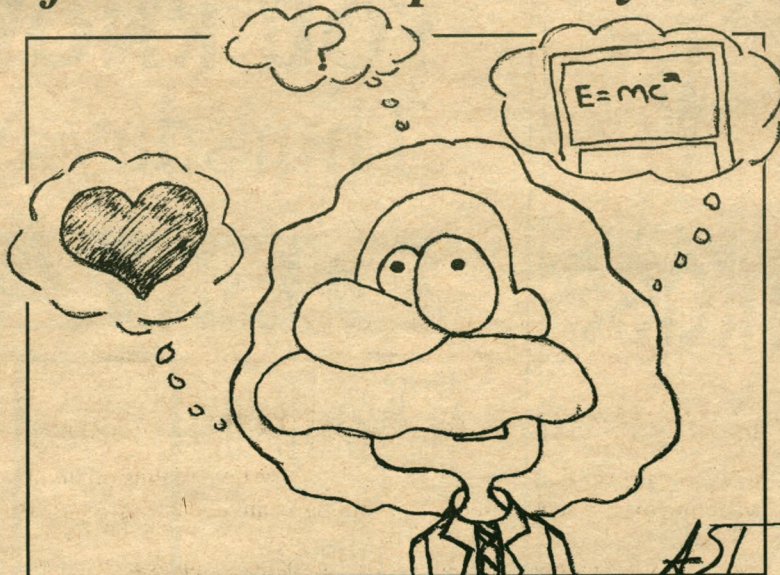
Does a thirst for time and space in your relationship spell danger?

By Keysha Whitaker
Contributing Writer

If you love someone, set them free. If they return, they're yours forever. If not, it was never meant to be. From old cliches to Mariah Carey's latest hit "Butterfly," the theme of everlasting love reigns supreme. Why? Blame it on Romeo and Juliet, or even Anthony and Cleopatra, but the truth is, people love to be in love. There is a unique joy which comes from being in a relationship. Everything seems wonderful. At that moment, when things couldn't get any better, your soulmate utters those famous three little words... "I need space."

What? Space? Your heart crumbles. Nervously you say, "Um...I know the dorms are a little crowded, but next year you can apply for Avalon, and um..." Alas, it is too late. They've boarded an oceanliner and headed straight for the Bermuda Triangle.

Everybody needs space. Some people work out, pray, or meditate to relieve the stress of the day. But in relationships, how much space is good space? Is it okay to break a commitment



Artwork by Ardel Santa Teresa

for the sake of space?

According to Margaret A. Farley, in *Personal Comments*, one situation that can happen is called Alternate Superseding Obligation. This occurs when another obligation comes into conflict with and overpowers the obligation to keep a commitment. Farley acknowledges that a good measure of self sacrifice is needed in any relationship, but overall, the individual's obligation to self is usually first and foremost.

What are some of these "al-

ternate superseding obligations" that Farley speaks of? Though situations vary with individuals, one reason for breaking commitments is when one party feels their life cannot progress in a positive manner if they stay in the relationship. Commitments may also be broken when one party feels they need time to think and re-establish their relationship with themselves and those around them. However, the most common obligation to self which leads to breaking up is when one party feels they would

like to explore relationships with different individuals. In this situation, the word "space" becomes the politically correct way to say, "Get out of my life."

Senior Joel Felicio says, "Being together all the time and getting a lot of phone calls can get on each other's nerves. Guys need more space. Guys don't need a commitment, but girls need to know they can count on someone. Space is a good thing because it makes you appreciate the other person more."

Antenna McLennan, a sophomore, commented, "I never was in a relationship where I felt I needed space. When you're in love, you feel like you don't see enough of the person. If the relationship has problems, you feel like you need space."

An anonymous first-year student said, "I am currently in a long distance relationship. We've been dating since March and we didn't need space because we became best friends. You should balance your time with other friends. Guys need space more. Girls are looking for long-term commitments and guys get scared."

Ted Beauregard, a first year student, said, "I would need space if I spent every minute with a person and it took away from other friendships."

The majority of students surveyed agreed that guys need more space and saying "I need space" is usually a bad sign.

Dr. Thomas Hicks of the psychology department at SHU gave us this take on the situation. "Space varies with different people. Some couples don't need a verbal agreement as to how much space they need, some do. Guys often need more space than girls. Different strokes for different folks, but needing space is a sign the relationship is headed downhill. A truly happy couple likes nothing more than being together."

Is there a solution to the problem of needing space? Can a relationship be salvaged after one party decides they want out? Is it possible to "just be friends?" Why do guys need to feel free, and girls need to feel secure? These are questions that may never be answered as another couple boards the ship headed for the Bermuda Triangle of Love.

To Your Health

By Carmela Chisholm

Ho Ho Ho

Once again it's time for Christmas carols, trees, ornaments, and credit card bills that make the national deficit look like pocket change. Yes, I am speaking of the holidays. It's the only time of the year that being good is the rule and not the exception (or at least that's what they tell their parents.) It is a time when children's eyes sparkle with the magic of Santa Claus, wreaths decorate almost every doorstep, and stockings hang on every fireplace.

At least they do in a perfect world. But as you know, our world is not one of a Dicken's novel. Actually our Christmases are more like something out of a MAD magazine.

Our kids and siblings build fortresses out of stale fruitcake and grandparents squeeze cheeks with a plastic surgeon's accuracy. Scraggly little rugrats throw ice balls at pedestrians and moving vehicles, while insisting to their parents that it wasn't their fault. Ahhh I love the holidays. The season of finals and a three-week mini-vacation.

Now there are probably several people out there saying, "Cami, what does this have to do with health?" Well, the answer is.... nothing. Okay, okay if you're going to be persistent about it. Frostbite is bad. There, happy?

Let me tell you about an Italian Christmas. It's just like any other type of Christmas, except about a million times more crazy.



You think everything is going to be okay. It will all be over in a few hours, right? But it's never over. The Yuletide never ends!

Our Christmas always happens at my grandparents' house. Dinner starts out normal enough. You know the drill, a great dinner, wine, and of course, pasta. You cannot have any type of Italian meal without having some form of pasta. Just when you think it's not there, bamm, she sets down the pasta salad. You can't escape.

Next comes the birthday cake. Every year my family makes a birthday cake for Jesus. We actually sing happy birthday to him. Now don't get me wrong, but it still feels kinda weird singing a birthday song to someone you can't see. I mean, where are you supposed to look when you sing?

The other thing that is important to know about Italian eating, is that you cannot escape without consuming the entire animal. God forbid you have leftovers. The only advice I can give a person going to my grandparent's house is: don't eat before the meal. I'm not talking just talking a few hours before, I mean at least two or three weeks before. Of course you won't be able to eat afterwards either.

You might as well just cancel Flik for the entire month.

The best part of the holiday has got to be decorating. Did you know that if you rub your head with an inflatable candy cane, your hair will stick out straight? Just one of the fun facts I discovered decorating last Saturday.

Decorating for the holidays is one of Christmas' cruelest jokes. Just as soon as you get all the stuff up, it's time to take it down. Of course, you know you'll never get everything down. One day in June you'll go to the bathroom and find part of a tinsel strand decorating your underwear. Or even better, you'll put on an old pair of shoes to find a glass ornament embedded in your toe. I love the holidays.

Well, to start the Holiday right, here's a little Christmas favorite that Corinne Waldheim and I cooked up. Sing it to the final verse of The Twelve Days of Christmas. Happy Holidays!

The Twelve Days of Christmas (SHU style)

On the 12th day of X-mas, SHU gave to me:

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 "Six infested dorms"
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 "Four brand new deans"
 "Three busted sculptures"
 "Two drive by shootings"
 and "No free cable TV!!"

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Tonight at 8 p.m. in the Mahogany Room, Henry Parkinson will hold an anti-stress workshop. Don't miss this awesome program that is essential for finals survival!

International Cafe and Pub

Tonight at 9 p.m. in the Outpost, the last of this semester's coffehouses will take place. There will be a great selection of food and drink from all over the world. Come celebrate the end of the year at this party for diversity! For more information contact the International Center.

Trip to New York City

On Dec. 13 the International Club and the Commuter Club are sponsoring a trip to New York City. The bus leaves from Sacred Heart at 9 a.m. For more information or reservations, contact either the International Center or Commuter Council.

Midnight Breakfast

Is studying for finals giving you the munchies? Then come and join the SHU community for breakfast at midnight on Dec. 16. Breakfast will start at 10 p.m. and will end at midnight in the Dining Hall.

-Compiled by Carmela E. Chisholm-

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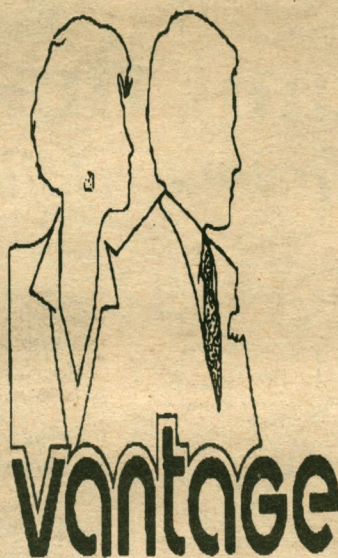
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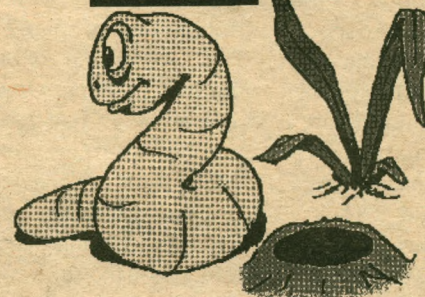
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Thursday is ladies night so COME OUT OF YOUR HOLE!

Ska and Punk festival comes to Sacred Heart

By Tara S. Deenihan
Assistant A&E Editor

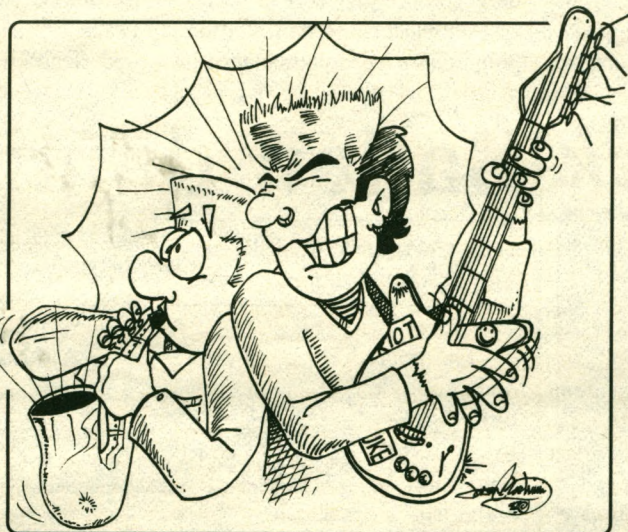
On Dec. 13, ska will come to SHU in the form of an all-day concert benefiting Habitat for Humanity.

Beginning at 2 p.m. in the old gym, the all day Ska and Punk Festival will feature over 20 ska and punk bands from the Connecticut area including Sgt. Scagnetti, Jiker and the BMI Regulars. Also featured will be the Radiation Kings from New York along with Metrostylee, 8 Days Without Cable and other local bands.

The concert is being put forth by Asbestos Records, an indepen-

dent label run by Sacred Heart student and Habitat for Humanity member Matt Flood.

"It's going to be a great show with some of the best local talent," said Flood, adding that "We're doing it for a good cause." Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10 along with raffle tickets. Raffle winners will join Jiker on stage in smashing a toilet donated by Habitat for Humanity.



Artwork by Jason Mastrianni

The students producing the concert hope that it will become a regular event. Keith Arenholz,

also participating in organizing the concert, said "Hopefully there will be a bigger (show) next semester." Many of the bands will appear at SHU again next semester.

Asbestos Records will be releasing a CD in January, containing tracks from most of the bands performing in Saturday's show. Asbestos has sponsored other shows in the area, most recently the largest teen center show in Connecticut history, featuring Spring Heeled Jack.

The Festival will also feature booths selling CDs, independent magazines, t-shirts and

other paraphernalia.

Flood and Arenholz are members of the WHRT staff, and have a weekly show (Thursday nights from 9 p.m. to midnight) with friend Gary Baril on which students can hear a sampling of some of the bands playing Saturday. This week's show will also feature on-air interviews with some of the performing bands.

Flood urges students to attend, in order to "experience the local music scene."

Proceeds from the event will benefit Habitat for Humanity and its upcoming trip to Baltimore. The Festival begins at 2 p.m. Saturday and will run until approximately 1 a.m. For more information call Matt Flood at 396-6326.

SHU Chorale performs annual holiday concert

By Carolyn Volpe
Contributing Writer

The SHU Chorale will be performing in their holiday concert on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Mahogany room.

The Chorale consists of about twenty singers, made up of faculty, staff and students, who will be accompanied by members of the orchestra, also including five SHU students. "We will be performing a diverse repertoire including movements from 'A Day for Dancing,' Latin Swahili pieces, as well as traditional Christmas carols," said Patricia Sellerberg, a junior psychology major from Selden, N.Y.

The Chorale rehearses on Thursdays in the afternoon or at night, for everyone's convenience. Students can either sign

up at the registrar and take Chorale for one elective credit or they can just sing without taking it for credit.

"Singing with the Chorale is a great way for students and faculty to work together and have fun outside the classroom," said Megan Gula, a junior psychology major from Uncasville.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the performance and see what the Chorale is about, said Leland Roberts, conductor of the Chorale.

"I've enjoyed listening to one of their concerts in the past," said Kristin Visconti, a junior psychology major from Massapequa Park, N.Y. "So I decided I wanted to join in the fun and sing with them this semester while gaining a credit."

"Next semester I'd like to see another twenty or thirty more



The SHU Chorale performs a holiday concert this Sunday.

Contributed photo

people in the Chorale, when we will be singing lighter music featuring Broadway pieces," Roberts said. "We will be performing selections from 'Joseph and the

Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,' 'Les Miserables,' 'RENT,' 'Hair,' and much more."

The entire University community is invited to attend the

concert as well as sing with the Chorale next semester. Further information is available for all those who are interested by contacting Roberts at 371-7735.

Huck Finn floats into SHU

Special to the Spectrum

Area audiences can journey down the Mississippi River this holiday season with Huck Finn and friends in a presentation of the Tony Award-winning musical, "Big River," running Dec. 27 through Jan. 11 at The Center for the Performing Arts at SHU.

Based on Mark Twain's novel, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "Big River" tells the story of a good-hearted boy who escapes the fate of mediocrity in the 1840s, to enjoy life on a raft down the Mississippi River.

The Center's production of "Big River" is directed by Kevin Miller, with musical direction by Jo Irwin, choreography by Rick Hribko, set coordination by William Stark and lighting by Anne Cheney.

Pictured at left are Ozzie Roberts as Huck Finn and Andrew Gentzow as Tom Sawyer.

For tickets, ranging from \$8 to \$15, contact the theatre box office at 374-2777.



Photo by Chris Nicholson

A & E BRIEFS

"A Cabaret Christmas" in SHU Theatre

The Center for Performing Arts at Sacred Heart University will present "A Cabaret Christmas," a holiday cabaret show featuring entertainer Maureen Hamill and friends, on Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, students and children. Contact the theatre box office at 374-2777.

"Printer's Choice" in Gallery

"Printer's Choice" will be showing in the Gallery of Contemporary Art until Jan. 22. The Gallery is open Sunday from noon to 4, Monday through Thursday from noon to 7:30, and is closed Friday and Saturday.

Calling all seniors!

Tickets are on sale for the Class of 1998 Senior Winterfest until Dec. 11 in front of the old gym. Tickets are being sold for the Foxwoods Getaway on Jan. 24 and the 98 Days to Graduation Mystery Excursion. Tickets are \$12 for each event, or \$22 for both events.

-Compiled by Tara S. Deenihan

Scanlon's hat trick lifts Pioneer icemen

By Matt Duda
Staff Writer

Following a 5-4 overtime loss to Quinnipiac College on Dec. 5, the Sacred Heart men's hockey team skated to a 7-5 triumph over Skidmore College behind a hat trick by Jason Scanlon at the Milford Ice Pavillion.

In the Quinnipiac game, Sa-

cred Heart's Brent Piepenbring scored for Sacred Heart his first goal just 2:25 into the game.

Quinnipiac's Justin Nolan answered with a goal of his own ten minutes later. Scanlon assisted on an Eric Drake goal to give Sacred Heart a 2-1 advantage.

Chris Cerrella, Scott Robson,

and Jed Holtzman each scored for the Braves before Scanlon ended the scoring drought in the third period.

Piepenbring scored his second goal of the night with 1:11 left in regulation to knot the score at four.

With just 1:33 left in overtime, Quinnipiac's Jed Holtzman shot the

puck past goaltender Alexis Binet to give QC the win. Binet made 40 saves in goal for Sacred Heart.

The Pioneers had no time to hang their heads after the tough loss. Defending ECAC South Champion Skidmore invaded the Pavilion the next evening.

Sacred Heart jumped on Skidmore from the beginning. Frank Gritz, Billy Demetriades, and Scanlon each tallied goals

before Skidmore answered with two of their own. The two teams combined for seven third period goals; four by the Pioneers, three by Skidmore. Scanlan hit the net twice and Eric Drake and Gritz added insurance goals for SHU. Alexis Binet stopped 37 of Skidmore's 42 shots.

Sacred Heart faces Roger Williams at home on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Leaders of the pack Ballew dominates in debut

By Corinne A. Waldheim
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart women's bowling team returned to Conference competition

last weekend at its home house of AMF Circle Lanes in Fairfield.

Leading the Lady Pioneers in her college debut was freshman Tiffany Ballew averaging 190.1. Ballew was unable to bowl in prior tournaments due to ankle surgery earlier in the year.

Sacred Heart sophomore Kristy Newman was unable to

compete this week. Ironically, she is suffering from an ankle injury but is expected back for the holiday qualifiers in New Jersey.

"Although we have been plagued with injuries this year, we are still giving 110%," said

sophomore Chrissy Anania.

It was either feast or famine for SHU as they captured six points from Montclair, St. John's, Bryant and Rutgers, but only one from St. Peter's, William Paterson and SHU's men's team.

Sophomore Lisa Laursen is the second "Top Three Game Series" tournament leader with a

740 total. She is also tied for the third highest game of 278 with William Paterson University's Louis Franzetti.

In Metro, Andrea Gardner averaged 212 for two games before being moved to the Classic.

Junior Wendy Scheer had a personal as well as team high game of 248 for the day. Junior Adrienne Oshman rolled 767 for four games in the Metro.

Team highlights included seven point defeats over Montclair and St. Peter's Colleges.

On Dec. 27-30, Sacred Heart will be represented at the Colgate Invitational and the Brunswick Northeast Showdown bid tournaments in New Jersey.

WOMEN'S BOWLING

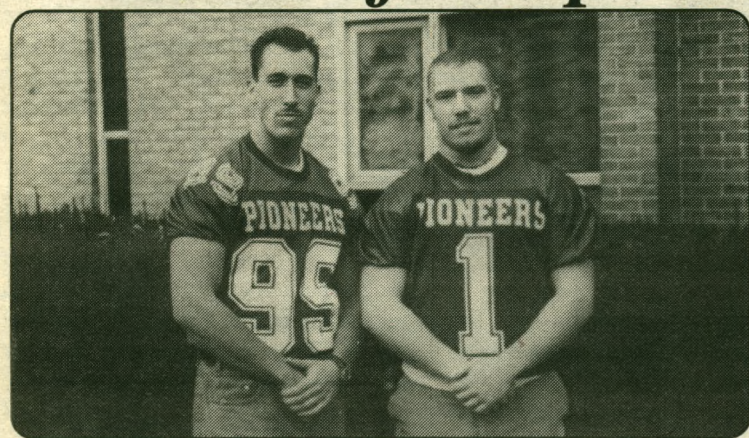


Photo by Corinne A. Waldheim

Football co-captains James Thomson and Adam Fuller

By Corinne A. Waldheim
Sports Editor

This year was a long trip for the Sacred Heart football team. The Pioneers finished 1-9, but through it all co-captains Adam Fuller (Shrewsbury, Mass.) and James Thompson (Amityville, N.Y.) stood tall.

"I think Adam and James did an outstanding job," said Coach Tom Radulski. "I have coached for 22 years and they are as good as any captains I have been associated with."

"They lead by example. They are quality people as well as players which makes them great leaders on and off the field," said senior Lenny Francouer (Mattapoisett, Mass.).

Fuller, 21, has been playing football since the age of nine.

"I wanted to play because I played baseball and basketball and I needed a fall sport," said Fuller. "After a bumpy start, I fell in love."

This is Fuller's final year at Sacred Heart. This season he lead the team with 105 tackles, 38 unassisted. Last year he was a Division II "Non-Scholarship" All American. He was also fourth in the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference in tackles. He eclipsed last year's season high of 17 tackles against St. John's on Thanksgiving weekend with 18.

The criminal justice major plans to be involved in law enforcement.

"My fondest memory will not

be of any particular game, but of the close friends that I made over the last four years," said the 6-foot linebacker.

Thompson, 22, chose to play football because he wanted to be a part of something that he could excel in. "I knew I was competitive, I just wanted to see how far I could take it," said Thomson.

Looking back on his college career, the 6-foot-3 will remember the Assumption game. His touchdown was not only the first of the year for SHU, but the first of Thomson's career.

Thompson has 56 tackles, improving on last season's 37. He is second on the team with four sacks.

In May, Thomson will graduate with a degree in English and political science. He hopes to become a strength and conditioning coach in the Connecticut area and one day open his own health and fitness club.

"They did a tremendous job of keeping the team together and getting them to play at 100% of its capability as we faced the challenge of playing the toughest schedule in SHU football history," said Radulski.

The co-captains left the team with these words: "The thing that makes a champion is character. Have a good work ethic and never lose your fire," said Thomson.

Fuller concluded, "The only way for the team to improve its record is to start preparing for the season now. Don't wait, because before you know it, it will be over."

Men's bowling: Scores at EIBC

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collected six more points to bring the day's total to 30 points.

"As a team we are strong, but individually we are stronger. I think we have to find an equilibrium," said freshman Curtis Thompson Jr. (Windsor).

In the Metro division high games of 244 and 236 were thrown by Jay Boudreau (Long Island, N.Y.) and Steve Evans

(Long Island, N.Y.), respectively.

When asked what it is like to bowl for Sacred Heart sophomore Jay Novaco (East Haven) answered, "It is a good experience and I am glad I got involved."

The Pioneers will have a three week break before traveling to New Jersey for the Colgate Invitational and the Brunswick Northeast Showdown. Both tournaments are national qualifiers.

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The Waldheim Report

All good things must come to an end

Today marks my final column as sports editor and also as a Sacred Heart student. Over the past 14 weeks I have learned to grin--or should I say grimace?--and bear it.

A column isn't the easiest piece of copy to write. It takes

a little bit of tact, a grain of humor and sometimes a bodyguard to protect me from irate football players.

For four years, not counting my stint at Queens College, I have witnessed the University and its athletic program grow at high speed.

I remember looking at the campus on Pioneer Day and thinking, "I can handle this, my high



By Corinne A. Waldheim

school is bigger." My high school had metal detectors too, but I am from Nu Yawk City, ya know?

Now Sacred Heart has blossomed into a campus. A big plot of land with nearly as much mulch and foliage as asphalt. The only things that outnumber the trees are the speed bumps.

But seriously, SHU looks more and more like a University everyday.

When I applied here, crew and ice hockey weren't an option. Today crew is on a competitive level with several respected sculling teams and women's and men's hockey have become remarkably competitive in a short time and were over .500 last winter.

Field hockey has had one successful season after another since its inception in 1993. The men's basketball program, which won the NCAA Division II title in 1985-86, has accumulated 591 wins and 331 losses since 1963 (.640), while the women's program has become highly competitive since Ed Swanson became head coach in 1990.

The bowling teams are both nationally ranked, while the men's lacrosse team ranked as high as fourth in Division II. Equestrian also competes on a national level and is currently ranked second in the region.

Next year, women's swimming, men's and women's fencing and a wrestling program will be introduced into the athletic program.

During my freshman year,

when I doubled as a writer and photographer, the *Spectrum* sports pages were filled with stories of the football, baseball, basketball and softball teams. Now four pages can be filled on any given week with lacrosse, field hockey, ice hockey and equestrian.

While the athletic department gives the students lots of options, club sports and intramurals broaden the proverbial spectrum. Rugby, wrestling and martial arts are as much a part of sports on the competitive level as the varsity programs.

Men's rugby has traveled to international sites including England, while women's won its division.

The martial arts team is the Northeastern Conference champion and with the exception of one contest, the team is undefeated.

Intramurals are the salvation of the student who likes to shoot hoops and make a diving catch in the endzone, but doesn't aspire to be an All-American. Along with flag football and basketball, students can bowl and play volleyball for fun.

It has been a great run, but all good things must come to an end. While I regret not trying out for the varsity basketball team, living vicariously through my pen and Macintosh has proven to be a suitable--well, almost--replacement.

My four years on the Sacred Heart bowling team formed irreplaceable memories and, along with improving my average, introduced me to many of my current friends. Goodbye all, as I attempt to embark on the real world.

Sports Schedule

Dec. 11-18

Thursday

(M) Basketball at St. Francis College, 7 p.m.

Friday

(W) Basketball at St. Peters, 7 p.m.

Saturday

(M) Ice Hockey vs. Roger Williams, 7:30 p.m.

(M) Basketball at University of Hartford, 2 p.m.

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Women runners repeat

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart women's indoor track team is off to a successful start this season, after a sweeping victory at the Collegiate Track Conference Indoor Relay Carnival at Southern Connecticut State University last Sunday.

The women succeeded in defending their title upsetting rival SCSU for the second straight year.

The Lady Pioneers took first in the 4X800 meters, 4X1600 meters, shot put, and high jump relays. The women also obtained second place wins in the shuttle hurdle, race walk, and triple jump relays.

"The women have started the year off in a fine manner," said Coach Christian Morrison. "If

WOMEN'S TRACK

they keep working hard there should be more victories down the road in the winter and spring."

Several school records were broken at the meet. They were the 4X1600 meter relay, the shot put relay, the triple jump relay (which was personally broken by freshman Sarah Keenan with a distance of 33' 4"), the 2X1 mile racewalk relay (by freshman Luanne Centrella with a time of 12:11), the shuttle hurdle relay, weight throw relay, the 2X5000 meter relay, and sprint medley relay.

Four of the Sacred Heart jumpers and throwers qualified for the ECAC championships in March. Senior Monique Belisle (shot put, 39' 1 1/4"), freshman Brandi Blevins (shot put, 36' 9"), Keenan (triple jump relay, 33' 4"), and freshman Andrea Klancko (weight throw relay, 35' 5 1/4") are

now qualified for the meet.

SHU received some other strong performances from distance runners; freshman Heather Stockton, with a 5:25 time in the 4X1600 relay and 2:25 for 800 meters in the sprint medley, and sophomore Michelle Wesolowski, with a 5:33 mile in the 4X1600 relay and a 2:29 time in the 4X800 relay. Freshman sprinter Aliali Silverio also proved successful with her 64.9 400 meter leg in the sprint medley and 28.8 in the 4X200 relay.

Morrison is glad to see such depth in Sacred Heart's young track and field team, and the success that they have been receiving these past few years.

"It's nice to see our seniors and juniors, who have been with this program since its infancy, enjoying some team successes," said Morrison. "They've been loyal to the program and they've worked hard, so they deserve this."

Men's Hoops: Owls hoot over victory

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hit foul shots down the stretch to preserve a 85-74 victory.

Michael Forde led all scorers with 28 points before fouling out in the final minute. Forde's 28 was the highest point total for a SHU player this season. Andrew Hunter pumped in 14 and Fesko added 12.

SCSU was led by Jerritt Lewis and Ernie Evans with 21 points each. Sacred Heart was out rebounded 42-26. SHU sent the Owls to the free-throw line 39 times. Southern Connecticut capitalized on the opportunity, hitting 34 of those shots.

The losing streak puts SHU's current record at 3-5, 1-2 in the NECC.

Next up for SHU are two Division I opponents. Today the men travel to play NEC member, St. Francis College (NY) and on Saturday, they travel to the University of Hartford.

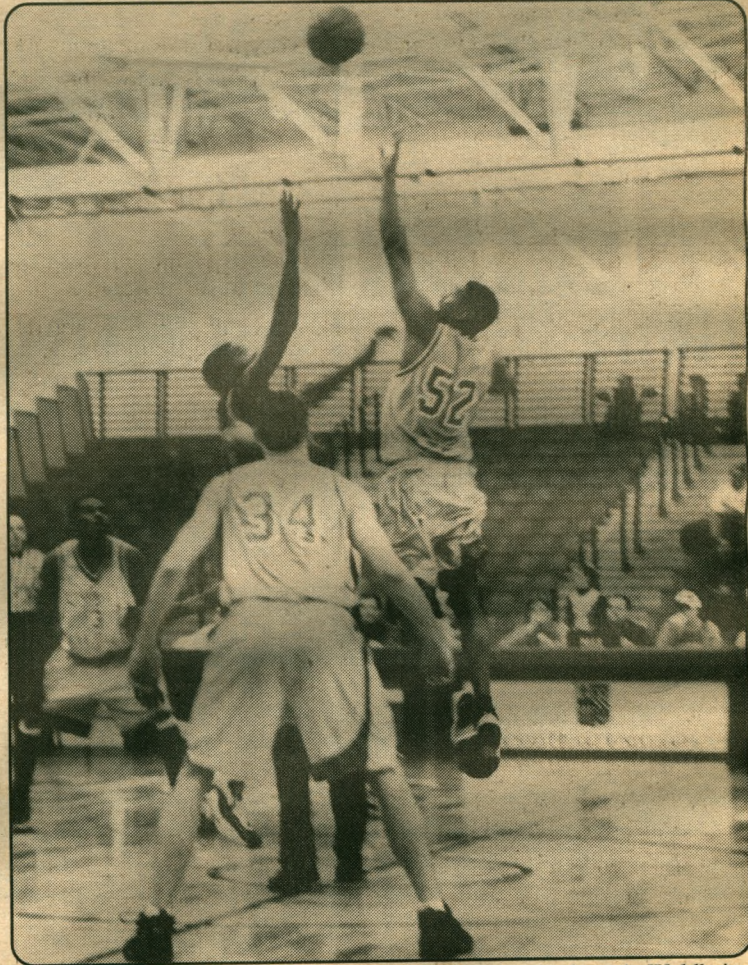


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Senior forward Jermaine Johnson tips-off for the Pioneers

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Ladies on five game winning streak

By Julie Nevero
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's basketball team added two more wins to its record last week bringing them above the .500 mark for the first time this season. After losing the first three contests of the season, the Lady Pioneers have won five straight, defeating their first three NECC opponents to stand at 3-0 in the conference and 5-3 overall.

The team defeated both Southern Connecticut State and Stonybrook (63-60) last Thursday and Saturday. The SCSU game was the first contested in the Pitt Center for the women's team and featured an 89-61 blow-out.

"It was nice to win the first game in the Pitt," said Coach Ed Swanson. "I told the kids to play for first everynight."

Sophomore Heather Yablonski won the tip-off and senior captain Chrissie Perkins

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buried a three pointer to start the game. Perkins tallied 16 points for her highest point total this season.

"It was great to win the Pitt opener," said Perkins. "We still need to work on a lot of things like picking up our defense and working as a team."

Junior guard Jen Rimkus continued to play well after her "NECC Player of the Week" performance two weeks ago in the LIU and FDU victories. Rimkus had 21 points against the Owls to lead the team in scoring for the seventh time this season.

After the first half, SHU led 43-33 and at the halftime speech, Swanson challenged the team to "hit their defense." The women took his challenge and out-scored SCSU 46-28 in the second half.

Other top scorers included freshman forward Heather Coonradt with 13 and sophomore Katie Toole with 10.

Perkins, junior captain Angela Perkins and Yablonski led in boards with eight a piece.

The team had some problems versus Stonybrook as they defeated the Seawolves by only a three point margin.

"We shot at 50 percent in the first half and struggled in the second," said Swanson. "Consequently, it was a close game."

Rimkus and C. Perkins led the team in scoring each with 11 points while Yablonski had 11 boards.

"I'm happy with where we are because a couple of the games could've gone either way," Swanson added.

The Lady Pioneers return to the road as they travel to Jersey City tomorrow to face St. Peter's College. The Peacocks have made appearances at the NCAA Tournament and have a 469-180 career win/loss record going 25-4 overall last season and 14-0 in their conference.

"They are a team that's played well in the NCAA tournament," said Swanson. "It should be a good test for us."



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Junior guard Jen Rimkus brings the ball up versus Southern

Southern burns SHU

By Matt Duda
Staff Writer

After winning a pair of games against C.W. Post and New Haven, the Sacred Heart men's basketball team has gone on a two game slide.

Last Saturday, the Pioneers dropped a 68-59 decision to Stony Brook. On Monday evening, the defending New England Collegiate Conference champion Southern Connecticut handed SHU it's first ever loss in the William H. Pitt Center.

Louise Frye led the Pioneers

against Stony Brook with 18 points. Junior forward David Fesko chipped in with 16 points and 17 rebounds, a career high. Stony Brook's Chris Chapman led all scorers with 23 points.

lead.

Sacred Heart scored the last four points of the first half off a one handed slam by Michael Forde and a jumper by Louis Frye. The Pioneers went into the break with the momentum in their favor, but it was SCSU that came out in the second half with firepower. The Owls extended their lead to 13 and held it throughout the second half.

With 13:45 left in the game, Sacred Heart through a full court press at the Owls. This created some turnovers and allowed SHU to cut into the SCSU lead. After an impressive run, Sacred Heart cut the lead down to 80-74 off a three pointer by Forde. That was as close as SHU would get. SCSU

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behind in the second half and pulled away from there.

On Monday, Sacred Heart led Southern Connecticut 25-16 with 11:30 left in the first half before the Owls took control of the game. Sloppy play by Sacred Heart turned into points for SCSU. Southern Connecticut went into the locker room with a halftime



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Sacred Heart junior Dave Fesko dribbles past the defense

Kozak leads at EIBC

By Corinne A. Waldheim
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart men's team placed second for the day at the third Eastern Inter-collegiate Bowling Conference last Sunday morning.

"We're much better this year," said Coach Bob Burlone. "Our talent is much deeper."

Sacred Heart's Classic division team began its attack with a five point domination over Rhode Island's Bryant College. They

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continued with a six point victory over the nation's second ranked St. John's University.

Senior Marc Kozak (Albany, N.Y.) threw a 289. He would finish the series (737) with a 245 game against Montclair State.

Kozak averaged 227. The team took seven points, losing one head-to-head match.

In game five, the Pioneers faced Rutgers College. Sophomore Tony Lopes (Seakonk, Mass.) led with 254 as the men

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SHU prevails in opener

By Corinne A. Waldheim and
Carl Sturino

The men's indoor track and field squad, consisting of over thirty men, is looking forward to another successful season. This well-rounded team opened its season last Sunday with a title at the annual Indoor Relay Carnival at Southern Connecticut State University.

Junior Morris Harbour (44' 6 3/4") and sophomore Shawn Keenon (39' 8 1/2") won the triple jump relay with a total of 84' 3", while Freshman Mike Benedetto

and Jason Reed had an even split of the 12' high jump relay.

In the 2 x 1 Mile racewalk relay, sophomore Nick Dmytrow (8:23.3) and senior Neil McClure (8:25.3) took first place. Rounding out the victories was freshmen Andrew Erhartic, Rob Alfheim, Greg Kyrtschenko and Dmytrow in the 4 x 800 meters relay.

Last year, the men's squad finished second at this meet.

Returning seniors will play a vital role in the men's success this year. Competing in the 400 competition will be captain Sean

Ballou and J.C. Tetreault. Thrower Bill Sampson and distance runners Brian Young and Neil McClure will round out the squad.

Juniors expected to contribute this season are jumpers Harbour and Jason Reed. While thrower Mike O'Sullivan, middle distance runners Tom McCabe and Carl Sturino and distance runner Rick Janock will play a roll. Returning sophomores Jared Walsh, Calvin Diamond, Ed Mahoney and Rick Canfield as well as a plethora of freshmen should all assist Coach Christian Morrison's team in continuing to further improve the status of this young squad.

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